

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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LUCILLE HANSEN,

Plaintiff,

-v-

TRANS UNION LLC, EQUIFAX INFORMATION  
SERVICES, LLC, EXPERIAN INFORMATION  
SOLUTIONS, INC.

Defendants.  
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24-cv-10029 (LJL)

ORDER

LEWIS J. LIMAN, United States District Judge:

Defendant Trans Union LLC (“TransUnion”) moves for the Court to compel Plaintiff Lucille Hansen to serve and file a complaint and to set a deadline for defendants to answer. Dkt. No. 4.

Plaintiff has not yet filed a complaint in this case, which was removed from the Supreme Court of the State of New York, County of New York, on December 31, 2024. Dkt. No. 1. Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 4(m) requires a plaintiff to serve the complaint on the defendant within 90 days after the complaint is filed. Fed. R. Civ. P. 4(m). A number of courts have held that as applied to a removed action, this means that service of the complaint must be made within 90 days after the action is removed. *See, e.g., G.G.G. Pizza, Inc. v. Domino's Pizza, Inc.*, 67 F. Supp. 2d 99, 102 (E.D.N.Y. 1999); *The Lee Fam. v. Int'l Paper Co.*, 2010 WL 2949635, at \*3 (D. Vt. July 23, 2010); *Yaman v. D'Angelo*, 206 F. Supp. 2d 394, 401 (W.D.N.Y. 2002). Moreover, because Rule 81 does not require a defendant to answer in a removed case until “21 days after receiving—through service or otherwise—a copy of the initial pleading stating the

claim for relief,” this case cannot progress until a complaint is served. Fed. R. Civ. P. 81(c)(2)(A).

Therefore, Plaintiff is ORDERED to file and serve a complaint by March 31, 2025. By agreement of the parties, defendants shall have 30 days to answer or otherwise respond after service of the complaint.

SO ORDERED.

Dated: January 7, 2025  
New York, New York

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "L. Liman", is written above a horizontal line.

LEWIS J. LIMAN  
United States District Judge